

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-14 and 16 are pending in the application, with claims 1-3, 7-9, 10, and 14 being the independent claims. Claims 1-3, 7-10, 14, and 16 are sought to be amended. Claim 15 is cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

The present listing of claims replaces the prior listing of claims that did not accord with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(h), and thereby supplements the Amendment and Reply filed January 10, 2005. Applicant now believes that the all of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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